

## **Quick Tips: 9 Things Teachers Can Do to Help Homeless Students\***

- Make the students feel welcome.
- Select a student to be their "buddy" on the first day of class.
- Refer the student to the on-site tutoring program for educational assistance, if needed and available.
- Coordinate an educational plan for the student with the school counselor.
- Give the student a clipboard to take home and use as a portable desk for doing homework.
- Provide any tools or supplies necessary to complete any required task. Supplies may not be readily available to the student.
- Keep a supply of nutritional snacks in your room.
- Help homeless students make plans for transportation for after-school activities or other special events.
- Keep needed toiletry items on hand to assist the student in maintaining proper hygiene.

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